

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 20 SEPTEMBER 1955

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. Review of Single-Grade Promotion Policy

The Agency Career Council is planning to review the Agency Promotion System in the near future, and the ORR Career Service Board has requested our comments on the single-grade promotion policy currently in effect. This was discussed in considerable detail, and the group was unanimously in favor of retaining the current single-grade promotion policy.

2. Language Requirements and Awards

GRA language requirements and the new Agency policy with respect to the granting of language awards were discussed. Language awards henceforth will be granted only in cases where the individual's use of a foreign language is highly desirable in his current assignment or in a foreseeable future assignment.

3. Maps in Unclassified Publications 25X1A9a

In answer to a query from [REDACTED] will check to see what has been done about filling requests from non-government sources for maps appearing in unclassified ORR publications.

4. External Research Planning

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[REDACTED] 25X1A9a asked whether anything had been done about contract planning for external research on Africa. [REDACTED] reported that nothing has yet been done, but that he will look into this in the near future.

5. Storage of Special Intelligence Maps

The matter of storage space in the new building for Special Intelligence maps will be taken up with [REDACTED] upon his return.

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6. Mapping on Arabia 25X1A9a

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In connection with some correspondence from [REDACTED], Geographic Attache, [REDACTED] expressed considerable interest in doing all we can to support the 500,000 and 1,000,000 compilations on Arabia being done by [REDACTED] of CGS.

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8. Training Course on Topographic Mapping

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[REDACTED] reported on a training course being formulated for GA's and members of [REDACTED] shop. It is to be a quick survey of the field of geodesy, photogrammetry, and other elements of topographic mapping. [REDACTED] also reported he is looking into the possibility of having one of his people take a 10-day course at Geological Survey next month.

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9. Courses at Brookings Institution

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[REDACTED] asked whether there were any nominations to two courses to be offered by the Brookings Institution -- Program of Fellowships for Federal Employees and a Middle Management Course. No nominations were made.

10. PI Keys on Africa

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[REDACTED] asked about the status of the project on "PI Keys on Africa". [REDACTED] is to check this out with PIC.

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